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Title: NIOBIUM OXIDE-BASED LAYERS FOR THIN FILM OPTICAL COATINGS
AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2003 (Paper No. 24). This response is being timely submitted in view of the simultaneous submission of a one-month Petition for Extension of Time, including payment of fees.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows: